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1. EMBASSY MAY BE INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF MURTOPO
SPEECH RELATED TO SUBKCT TREATED REFTTEL.

2. ON SUNDAY APRIL 13 AT PANDAAN EAST JAVA, LT GEN ALI MURTOPO
SPOKE TO MEMBERS OF THE STAFFS OF PNP'S AND PLANTATIONS AGENCIES
IN EAST JAVA. THE SPEECH HAS BEEN FULLY COVERED BY AT LEAST
TWO LOCAL INDONESIAN LANGUAGE PAPERS (SURABYA POS AND DJAWA
POS.) THE DJAWA POS GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO MURTOPO'S
REMARKS ON THE PRIBUMI/NON PRIBUMI ISSUE.

3. MURTOPO TOLD AUDIENCE THAT PEOPLE WHO CONTROL REALIZE THE
PRIBUMI'S NON-PRIBUMI ISSUE ARE TROUBLEMAKERS. HE ADDED THAT
ETHNIC CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT HAVE MADE IT DIFFICULT TO
IDENTIFY REAL (ASLI) INDONESIAN, WHO CAN ONLY BE FOUND AMONG
ISOLATED TRIBES IN AREAS LIKE IRIAN JAYA. IF THE CHINESE ARE
FORBIDDEN TO ENTER CERTAIN FIELDS, THEN THE ONLY CAREERS OPEN TO
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THEM ARE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY. MOREOVER, IF THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL,
THE PRIBUMI VS NON-PRIBUMI ISSUE IS IRRELEVANT. THERE ARE NO

FIRST OF SECOND CLASS CITIZENS IN INDONESIA. HE CALLED THE
PRIBUMI ISSUE A SETBACK IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF UNITY IN DIVERSITY
(BHINEKA TUNGGAL EKA).

4. NEWSPAPERS COVERAGE OF THE THREE AND ONE HALF HOUR SPEECH WAS
FRAMED IN LANGUAGE APPROVING THE MURTOPO AND HIS THEMES.
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